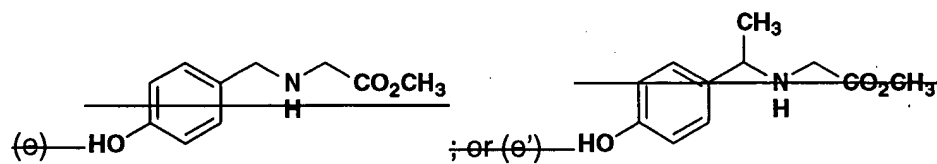
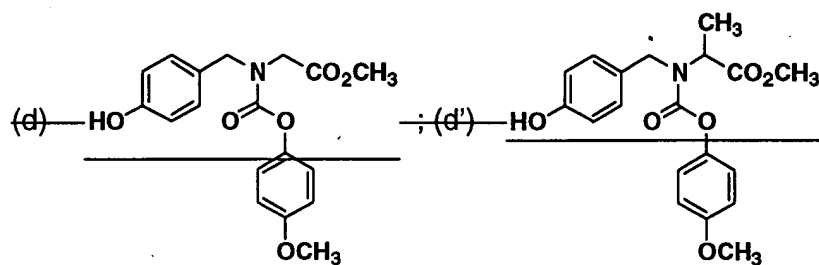
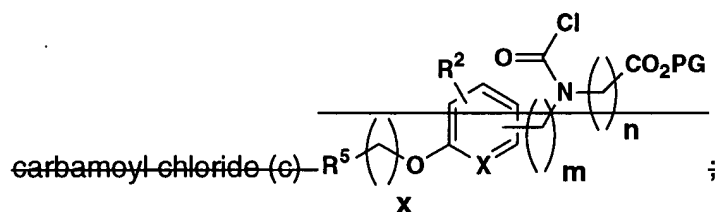
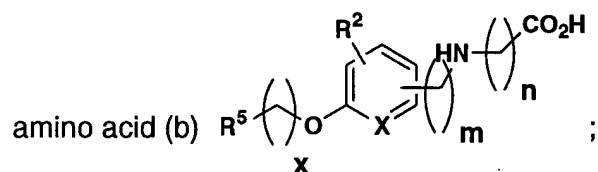
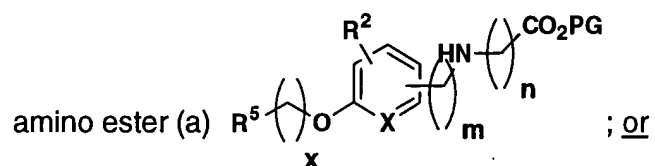


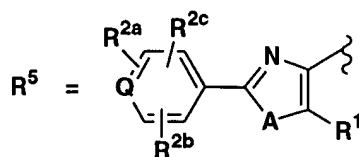
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 54. (Cancelled).

Claim 55. (Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein PG is a carboxylic acid protecting group which is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl, and



wherein x is ~~1, 2, 3 or 4~~; m is ~~1 or 2~~; n is ~~1 or 2~~;

Q is ~~C or N~~;

A is ~~O or S~~;

R¹ is ~~H or lower alkyl~~ methyl;

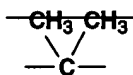
X is CH

R² is H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;

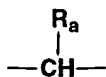
R^{2a}, R^{2b} and R^{2c} are ~~the same or different and are selected from H[[,]] alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino~~;

or stereoisomers thereof, or a prodrug ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 56. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 wherein (CH₂)_x is ~~CH₂~~ (CH₂)₂, (CH₂)₃, or

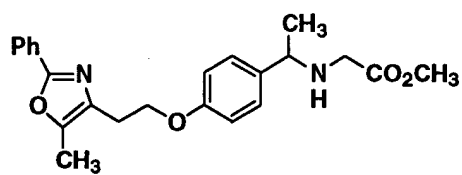
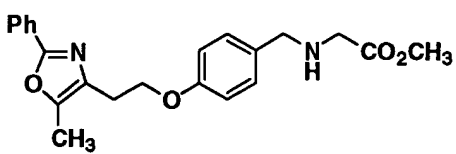
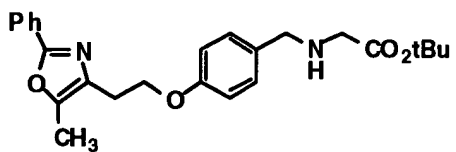
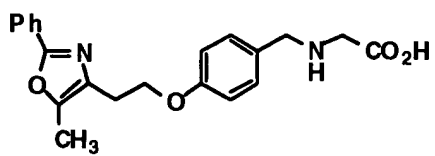
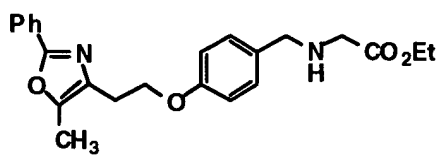


(CH₂)_m is CH₂, or

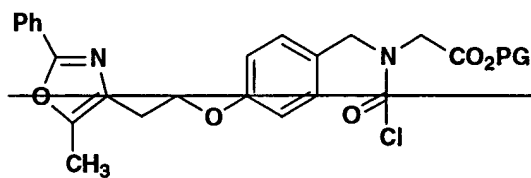


wherein R_a is alkyl or alkenyl, (CH₂)_n is CH₂, R¹ is lower alkyl, and R^{2a} H, R⁴ is H, X is CH; and PG is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl.

Claim 57. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 having the structure



, or



Claims 58 to 82. (Cancelled).